

[*Attached Letter.*] ⁹⁴

CHAPEL HILL,

1842.

DEAR SIR,

I have conceived the plan of opening a Female Boarding School in the family of my Mother, and have chosen this method of communicating our views, because it allows us to do so with greater familiarity than is compatible with a newspaper notice, although the latter has the advantage of giving more extensive publicity, and also that of being a better vehicle for the circulation of certificates and references. But in regard to these I will at present only remark, that, so far as competency can be established by the testimony of others, I can satisfy the most sceptical by reference to many of the first characters and scholars in this State, and likewise to some in Virginia.

The Moral and Religious instruction of the girls will, in a great measure, be under the direction of my Mother. Two of my sisters, under my superintendence and arrangement, and with my frequent assistance, will teach to the extent of their ability; where they fail, I will endeavor to supply the deficiency. I have a sister who has been resident at Chapel Hill for several years, whom I have carried through a pretty extensive course of Latin and French. In teaching her the latter language, I have been kindly and efficiently assisted by the accomplished Professor of Modern Languages in the University. The acknowledged abilities of the able assistant in the department of Mathematics, can, and will be called into requisition if necessary.

The part of our plan which I like most, and to which I wish to invite your particular attention, is, that we shall have no vacation during the two *college* vacations. The object of this arrangement is, to allow me to give my undivided attention to the girls during the college vacations, which together amount to *three months*, or *one fourth* of the *whole year*. Parents can send for their daughters whenever they think proper, and keep them at home as long as they deem consistent with propriety and their interests.

As we shall not be under the necessity of employing teachers, since we have them in our own family, we can afford to instruct girls on more moderate terms than usual.

Such, sir, is the outline of our plan. To you who know me, it is, I hope, needless to say that it is almost impossible to bring

⁹⁴ Printed circular.